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Docket No. 80710-1015

For: **Systems and Methods for Storing Items with Containers**

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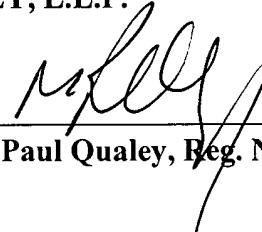
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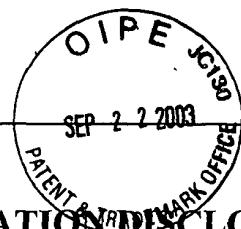
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	C	330,631	11/92	Ledbetter	D3	37	
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	E	4,295,345	10/81	Atkinson	62	371	
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	G	4,516,409	5/85	Hobbs, Jr. et al.	62	457	
	H	4,741,176	5/88	Johnson, et al.	62	457	
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P	"Systems and Methods for Storing Items with Containers," Filed April 30, 2002, Serial No. 10/135,606
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